

22 years. He served in Kosovo during his first stint of active duty in the 1990s. Later, as a member of the Connecticut National Guard he deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom, then served in Afghanistan where he was severely injured by a suicide bomb attack in 2012. During that time, he rose through the ranks to Sergeant and accumulated an impressive array of awards and medals, including the Purple Heart, Army Commendation with Valor, Combat Medic Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Commanding Generals Certificate of Merit, and the Coast Guard and United States Marine Corps Certificates of Appreciation.

At the time of his injury, he was a medic, certified at the highest levels and performed many life-saving missions with skill and care for the men and women he served with.

The first time I met Sgt. Welintukonis was under extraordinary circumstances. He had just arrived at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland where he had flown in from Landstuhl Hospital in Germany, still suffering in agonizing pain from his life threatening abdominal injury. His amazing wife, Camilla, was at his bedside comforting him, but it was clear that his condition was very critical. Even though he was not aware of my presence, I had the opportunity to witness his incredible inner strength and ferocious will to live that carried him through that dark hour and a long and difficult recovery. With the support of his wife and family, Micah is healthy and ready to start a new chapter of his life.

Wherever he and his family go, one thing is sure. Micah will be a passionate advocate for American veterans and for a strong national defense. I know that because my email inbox has been bursting with messages, articles, and suggestions—sometimes sent in the middle of the night—about improving services for those who wear the uniform of our country. Today, he is active in veterans' service organizations such as the Connecticut American Legion, Special Operations Wounded Warriors, and as the Director of InTheLineOfDuty, a volunteer-run charity for First Responders.

In addition to that formal involvement he has organized fund raiser walk-a-thons, school visits, and national veterans media events to generate funds and awareness of the challenges America's veterans, in particular wounded veterans, confront every day.

America has been, and still is, lucky to have the tenacious, spirited, (sometimes a little grouchy) and high-quality contributions of Sgt. Micah Welintukonis over the last 22 years. Please join me in thanking him, his wife Camilla, and their children for all they have done for our nation and wish them well in all their future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF MR. E. DALE
WORTHAM

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor the memory of a distinguished labor leader: Mr. E. Dale Wortham. Throughout Mr. Wortham's life, he held a variety of positions, including President of the Harris County Labor Assembly for over

20 years, Vice President/Organizer of Local 716, and as delegate at many national and state conventions. In these positions, he was on the front lines in the fight for a living wage and fair working conditions.

Mr. Wortham was not only a notable labor leader, but also served on the Harris County Board of Managers for the Harris Health System, earning the distinction of the body's longest-serving labor representative. Mr. Wortham will be especially remembered for his passion for helping people through the political process, especially working people.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to say farewell to a dear friend who is gone but not forgotten. He will be missed dearly by a multitude of family and friends. This family includes his children, Stephen Dale Wortham and Melinda Wortham; his sisters, Becky Rogers (George), Leslie Broussard (Jimmy), and Lisa Persky (Ronnie); as well as his brother, Jason Krieg.

TRIBUTE TO JANIS AND RUSTY
CREVELING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Janis and Rusty Creveling of Manchester, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on March 17, 1966.

Rusty and Janis' lifelong commitment to each other, their children Ronda, Brian, and Holly, and their grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger, and continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN MEMORY OF THE MEDAL OF
HONOR RECIPIENT UNITED
STATES NAVY SEAL PETTY OF-
FICER 2ND CLASS MICHAEL A.
MONSOOR

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this coming Memorial Day in memory and in gratitude to all of the magnificent heroes like Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael A. Monsoor. The ones who gave that last full measure in the name of freedom for their country and brothers in Arms. On April the 8th 2008, Michael was posthumously presented the Medal of Honor by President Bush at the White House for sacrificing himself by jumping on a grenade on September 29, 2006 for his fellow SEALs. On this Memorial Day let our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family and all of those who have given their lives throughout the years in the name of freedom. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert C. Caswell.

THAT LAST FULL MEASURE

All in that moment between Life and Death
When, who lives or dies no less
When, courage comes to crest
As comes That Measure
That God-like Test
That Last Full Measure
Just All
Until, none lies left
As one of America's Best
Right between Life and Death
When, who lives or dies
So all upon us so rests
The greatest of all tests
As to one's soul expressed
When comes
That Last Full Measure
Of which now so Blesses
As when one looks into that Face of Death
And so valiantly vanquishes Evil's Quest
As When Come's,
That Last Full Measure
That Golden Test
All in that moment which lies
As all in ones soul comprised
Which, brings such tears to the Angels eyes
Up On High
All In That Last Full Measure
As they watch and cry
At this American Treasure
At The Greatest Gift of All
As how one's Life is Measured
To hear that most solemn call
Of Love and Devotion,
and Sacrifice
All in that moment of selflessness as so real-
ized
To do what is right
To carry that night
All in That Last Full Measure
All in that fight
With your gift
The Greatest of All
The one that our Lord so Treasure's
Is but that "That Last Full Measure"
A SEAL OF HONOR
The One who so endeavored
In that Gift Michael you so gave
All in that most splendid treasure Michael,
the Lives you so saved
Perhaps, one day a child will come
Who too all of us among
Will bless our world to come
This one
With such gifts of love you've begun
A Cure For Cancer
For our world's problems finding the answers
Or maybe too,
as you "That Last Full Measure"
And from all of this perhaps will come such
Treasures
From all of this such happiness begun
And yet such sadness for all of your love
ones
That we can not so Measure
Take heart,
as one day you will all be together again
All in Heaven's Sun embracing then
Because of you Michael
For what you've done
And your most magnificent endeavor
In what you gave America's Son
All in,
That Last Full Measure
In the moment of truth,
how you behaved my son
As to our Lord's heart,
you've brought such pleasure
SEAL,
your new battle has now begun
Mount Up
As Thy Will Be Done
As it's time to run
In the Army of Our Lord,
as you are now one
An Angel
An Angel on high Michael